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Minden Hills community development co-ordinator Elisha Weiss attaches a Christmas cedar bough to a lamppost on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden on Friday, Nov. 15. Some 40 boughs made by the horticulture society and events committee were put up to make town festive.

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Council rejects Internet voting for next election

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

It will be pen and paper only for those voting in the 2014 municipal election in Minden Hills.

Councillors voted against adopting Internet and telephone voting methods at their Nov. 14 meeting, instead requesting mail-in voting be reexamined.

Internet voting was originally discussed by council at a

Sept. 12 meeting, however, the decision was deferred for a chance to get more feedback from the public.

During her report to council, chief administrative officer and clerk Nancy Wright-Laking recommended that Internet and telephone voting be approved as the method of voting for the next election and tabulators be used to count votes.

"We heard you that you still want paper ballots," said Wright-Laking. "It will then indeed mean we will have to hire additional staff."

The CAO/clerk recommended the municipality lease the

tabulators instead of purchasing them, due to changing technology.

Wright-Laking said Internet and telephone voting would cost the township approximately \$40,000 and by having paper ballots the total cost of the election would be about \$60,000, due to additional staff and equipment costs.

Councillor Lisa Schell said while she herself was comfortable using the Internet she realizes many of her constituents are not.

By conducting her own personal survey for those living in her ward she found more than 80 per cent wanted mail-in voting.

"That's what I'll be recommending," she said.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch agreed, stressing the importance of democracy and inclusiveness.

"I want voters to feel comfortable," said Murdoch, adding she too would be recommending mail-in voting. "That's what the other three municipalities are doing."

Councillor Larry Clark disagreed with Schell and Murdoch, believing Internet and telephone voting was inclusive and easier.

"It opens up the opportunity for everyone to vote from the comfort of their own home," he said.

Councillor Jean Neville said she had been hearing concerns from residents and pointed out that some areas in the county do not yet have access to high-speed Internet.

"People are not ready for a new method of voting," she said. "People don't want this. I cannot recommend Internet voting at this time."

While Councillor Brigitte Gall agreed with many things Clark said and it was her personal preference to adopt Internet voting, she said she had to "take her personal hat off."

Believing the public was not ready for it, Gall also said the municipality could have done a better job providing information to the public on the new voting methods.

The idea of using a mail-in ballot concerned Clark, who thought it was "taking a step backwards."

"I think we're all in agreement that Internet and telephone voting alone is not good," said Reeve Barb Reid. "What we have to agree on is how to include everyone."

Reid suggested there are problems with the mail-in method and what Wright-Laking was proposing was a compromise.

"What the CAO is proposing is a method that has financial implications but will provide a paper ballot," said Reid. "It's a financial investment in learning. I don't know how we learn if we don't try."

However, other councillors disagreed, saying it was too early for an area like Minden Hills to adopt Internet voting.

"People don't trust the Internet," said Schell.

"There is a great, strong feeling out there that this is not what the ratepayers want," said Murdoch. "I don't see it as a step forward or backward, we're staying where we are."

In her 10 years of being in office Murdoch said she had never had as many conversations with the public about an issue.

"We haven't given enough information," said Gall. "This is new for Minden."

Neville said the issue wasn't necessarily just about trusting the Internet but also not knowing if there have been problems with it in the past.

Wright-Laking pointed out that if the municipality does decided to go with mail-in voting she will still be recommending using tabulators, and that the total cost will still be \$60,000.

"You will be looking at the same costs," she said. "And I will be hiring additional staff."

Reid brought forth a motion that Internet and telephone voting be approved as the method of voting for the 2014 municipal election and that council approve the use of vote counting equipment for any paper ballot voting locations.

Councillors Murdoch, Schell, Gall and Neville voted against the motion, with Reid and Clark voting in favour. Councillor Ken Redpath was not in attendance.

The motion was defeated.

Wright-Laking said she will be bringing a report back to council with vote by mail options and associated costs.



Holiday tradition

Four-year-old Elyse Boisvert gets a little boost from her dad Mike to put up an ornament at the Minden Hills Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Nov. 17. Trees were decorated with nature-friendly ornaments provided by the Cultural Centre. Angelica Blenich Staff

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Parents live life with an angel

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

Harper Tiffin is a perfect angel with feathery, soft blonde hair that delicately frames her face and clear blue eyes that twinkle.

Cherub cheeks next to her heart shaped mouth, Harper is more calm and content than the average 11-month-old.

Throughout the course of an hour she stirs very little, her face breaking into a smile often without the faintest peep of a cry.

She is every parent's dream come true.

This past September, Harper was diagnosed with Angelman Syndrome, a neuro-genetic disorder named after Dr. Harry Angelman, who first described it in 1965.

These days life for Harper is pretty sweet, but that wasn't always the case.

Born on Dec. 14 in Seoul, Korea, Harper entered this world after a long and intensive labour for her mother, Sue.

Raised in Minden, Sue and her husband Justin, both 34, moved to Korea in 2006 after graduating from post-secondary schools in Toronto.

With a sense of adventure and a desire to see the world, the pair moved overseas and began teaching at different schools.

"We wanted to take that leap," said Sue.

When Harper came into their lives last December the Tiffins felt like their family was complete.

However, not long after she was born, Harper began exhibiting behaviour that set her apart from other newborns.

Following a normal pregnancy, Harper was your average newborn yet she didn't cry very often.

"When she did cry it was a bit of a struggle," said Sue. "But otherwise she developed relatively normal. She met most of the milestones as she should have."

At four months, Harper's parents noticed one of her eyes turned out, which can be a sign of a neurological issue, said Sue.

By May the pair started to see signs of infantile spasms and saw doctors in Korea, who ran tests.

After a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Electroencephalography (EEG) and other tests, doctors told the Tiffins although it didn't appear to be infantile spasms, the prognosis was still poor.

Two weeks later they made the difficult decision to move back to Canada.

"That was a huge deal for us because our life was there," said Sue. "We had a dog, we had a fantastic friend base, excellent jobs, a beautiful apartment in a lovely location ... but we didn't know exactly what was going to happen and we wanted to give her the chance to meet her family."

The family of three plus a dog moved back to Ontario this past June, with the support of their families, employers and friends.

Once they knew what was happening, people from all over the world began helping the Tiffins, even setting up a fund-raising website to get them back to Canada.

"It was incredible to us because it showed how supportive people were. That's what has inspired us this entire time, just the hope people have had for her and us," said Sue.

The compassion and generosity extended to Sue's hometown, where friends also began pitching in to help make the transition easier.

"There's some downfalls of living in a small town some-



Angelica Blenich Staff

Sue Tiffin, left, and Justin Tiffin are all smiles with their 11-month-old daughter Harper, who has been diagnosed with Angelman Syndrome. The couple moved back to Minden this summer after living in South Korea for seven years.

times, but when it comes to community you cannot beat it," said Sue.

Once they arrived, Sue and Justin took Harper to Sick Kids hospital in Toronto with the hope of getting her a more exact diagnosis, at the time believing she had epilepsy.

"In April I began suspecting Angelman Syndrome," said Sue. "There were signs that didn't fit but there were signs that did."

"But she was really happy and always laughed," said Justin.

One of the most noticeable traits of those with AS is a happy demeanor and frequent smiling or laughing.

Harper fit that description.

The Tiffins were able to get a referral to Sick Kids, where doctors tried different seizure medications and ran multiple tests.

"It was really a difficult time," said Sue, adding doctors were having trouble diagnosing her due to the effects of the medications she was on. "Doctors suspected a metabolic disorder."

At one point Harper was wheeled into the intensive care unit and Sue and Justin weren't sure if they would ever see her again.

For the next six weeks the Tiffins stayed by Harper's bedside,

as they watched their child get tested on a daily basis and put on various medications.

A blood transfusion, skin biopsy, multiple EEGs and X-rays were just a few of the experiences Harper had.

It wasn't until September that she was finally given a diagnosis of Angelman Syndrome.

And in that moment Harper and her parents could finally start living life.

"I think they expected us to cry, but we were so relieved there was a diagnosis," said Sue.

"We weren't that upset because all the other diagnoses ... were a lot worse," said Justin.

The neuro-genetic disorder is typically caused by deletion or inactivation of genes on maternally inherited chromosomes.

At this point Harper will most likely never live independently or develop more than six words.

"The doctor who discovered it said those are the challenges, but on the positive side she'll always be happy, she'll always have a happy demeanor and it's genuine happiness," said Sue.

Although her speech will be limited, Harper will be able to understand and comprehend, meaning communication through writing or sign language is a possibility.

Her lifespan is expected to be as long as a typical adult.

"She could live to be 80," said Sue.

Harper is one of three children with AS living in Minden Hills, which gives Sue and Justin hope for the future.

"Now not only do we have this connection with this incredible Angelman community, we have a connection with parents who have already been through it. They're kind of leading the way in our town ... Minden has three angels and some towns have none," said Sue.

"On one hand, yes we could have said why me but we kind of thought why not us," she said. "We could deal with this ... we were actually grateful it was us."

The Tiffins believe Harper will live a wonderful life, filled with laughter and joy.

"For most parents all you really want is for your kid to be happy and we've already done that," said Sue.

The parents are currently spending their days looking for employment, along with taking Harper to therapists, specialists and many other appointments.

In December the couple will be going to Chicago to attend a gala in support of AS, with special guest Colin Farrell, whose son also has Angelman.

"The fascinating thing about Angelman is there are scientists who say a cure isn't just possible, it's probable," said Sue.

While development may take longer, Harper will still be able to have a good quality of life.

The Tiffins believe living in a small town such as Minden Hills will be best for their daughter, due to the support services offered and the neighbourly feel.

"I think the whole community will hopefully include her and befriend her and not be afraid to ask questions," said Sue. "We go grocery shopping and people are always stopping and saying she's so happy."

The pair is thankful for their supportive parents, family members, friends and the community at large, for all they have done for Harper and each other.

The idea of having more children isn't out of the question for the Tiffins, but for now their focus is on their angelic daughter.

"We couldn't have possibly asked for a better baby," said Sue. "We feel blessed."

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An evening in Paris nets hospital \$11K

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Staff reporter

Who doesn't want to go to Paris twice in a lifetime?

The fourth annual gala dinner and auction organized by the Minden Health Care Auxiliary may have had a familiar theme but that didn't stop the organization from raising more than \$11,000 for local health-care services.

Held on Nov. 16 at the Minden Hills Community Centre, Paris Encore featured a dinner catered by Chris Price and more than 100 live and silent auction items donated by local individuals and businesses.

The sold-out event had 175 guests, with funds going towards the auxiliary's goal of \$40,000 to purchase a medication dispensing unit for the Minden ER department.

Auxiliary president Valerie du Manoir believed the event was well worth the effort and was thrilled with the results.

"The evening was wonderful," du Manoir told the paper. "Everyone seemed to have a great time and many were reluctant to leave ... we are well on our way to our \$40,000 goal thanks to our very generous community."

The idea to repeat the Parisian theme the gala had last year was one the organizing committee came up with based on its previous success.

"I mean who doesn't want to go to Paris more than once in their life?" said du Manoir.

Decorative touches included a model Eiffel Tower and mini French flags on every table.

Len Goreski, left, and Sandy Perry get into a bidding war for a silent auction item at Paris Encore. Held on Nov. 16 at the Minden Hills Community Centre, funds raised went towards purchasing a medication dispensing unit.



Minden Health Care Auxiliary members Marilyn Burrows, left, and Joan Davies sell raffle tickets to Tom Davidson at Paris Encore, a gala dinner and auction.



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Guests at the fourth annual Minden Health Care Auxiliary check out gift baskets up for grabs.

Rising blues star to grace Dominion Hotel stage Saturday

The Canadian Blues Legends series is bringing another rising blues star to the Highlands. This time it's JW Jones. The Ottawa Ontario musician is a Maple Blues award winner and is Canada's top touring

blues act. He's played in 19 countries and four continents.

His last few CDs have hit No. 1 on B.B. King's Bluesville radio show in the U.S.A., and Jones continues to win over audiences

across the globe with his high-energy live performances.

JW brings that wow factor. The *U.S. Blues Revue Magazine* stated that "Jones's style is a fluid amalgam of big bright chords, slashing

leads, and jazzy sting."

Jones and his power trio will be at the Dominion Hotel in Minden on Saturday, Nov. 23. Tickets are available by calling the hotel or at MadeinHaliburton.ca.

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Sue Reid, far left, admires a piece of photography by Joe Smith at the opening reception of the annual members' show at Agnes Jamieson Gallery on Nov. 16. This year about 30 members participated, contributing landscape art, photography, woven throws and more. The show is on now until Dec. 21.

Local artists featured in gallery show



Artist Harvey Walker stops to have his picture taken with his painting of Haliburton's Hank DeBruin and his huskies. Walker was featured in the members' show at Agnes Jamieson Gallery, which had its opening reception on Nov. 16. New this year, past winners are given the opportunity to have a solo show within the exhibit.

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Everyday angels

MINDEN HILLS has three angels.

Last week I had the pleasure of meeting one of them.

Harper is a beautiful baby girl who is coming up to her first birthday.

Featuring cheeks you just want to pinch and a smile that will melt your heart, Harper's happiness is infectious.

Spiritual beliefs aside, one look at Harper and she will have anyone believing that angels truly do exist.

When Harper was diagnosed with Angelman Syndrome this past fall her parents Sue and Justin Tiffin were relieved.

The prognosis was what they had been hoping for during months of uncertainty and a lengthy stay at Sick Kids hospital.

The alternatives to AS were far worse, and it's not hard to agree.

Even though she has a neuro-genetic disorder, Harper can expect to live a long and happy life. Happier than most of us.

It's fitting the syndrome was discovered by Dr. Harry Angelman, whose name suits the attributes of those who live it.

Those who have AS are extremely happy and content individuals, smiling and laughing often, bringing joy to those they meet.

Harper is no exception.

When her parents decided to uproot their lives in Korea and move back home to Ontario for the sake of

their daughter, they didn't realize just what was waiting for them in the small municipality of Minden Hills.

Instead of moving to a large, urban area where doctors, specialists and resources would be at their fingertips, the Tiffins chose a community where they believed their daughter would be embraced.

And during the past five months that's exactly what has happened.

From drives to doctors' appointments, fundraising campaigns and emotional support, the community surrounding the Tiffins has made their lives bearable during a difficult time.

And the couple couldn't be more grateful.

Since being back, the Tiffins have connected with a family from Moore Falls who have two children with AS, thus enlarging the angel community.

With resources such as the Family Health Team and Tri-County Community Support Services, the Tiffins believe not only do they have access to what is available in a larger area but here there are shorter lines and wait times. And apart from getting the daughter the help she needs, Sue and Justin have become advocates for those living with AS, taking on an optimistic and hopeful approach to life.

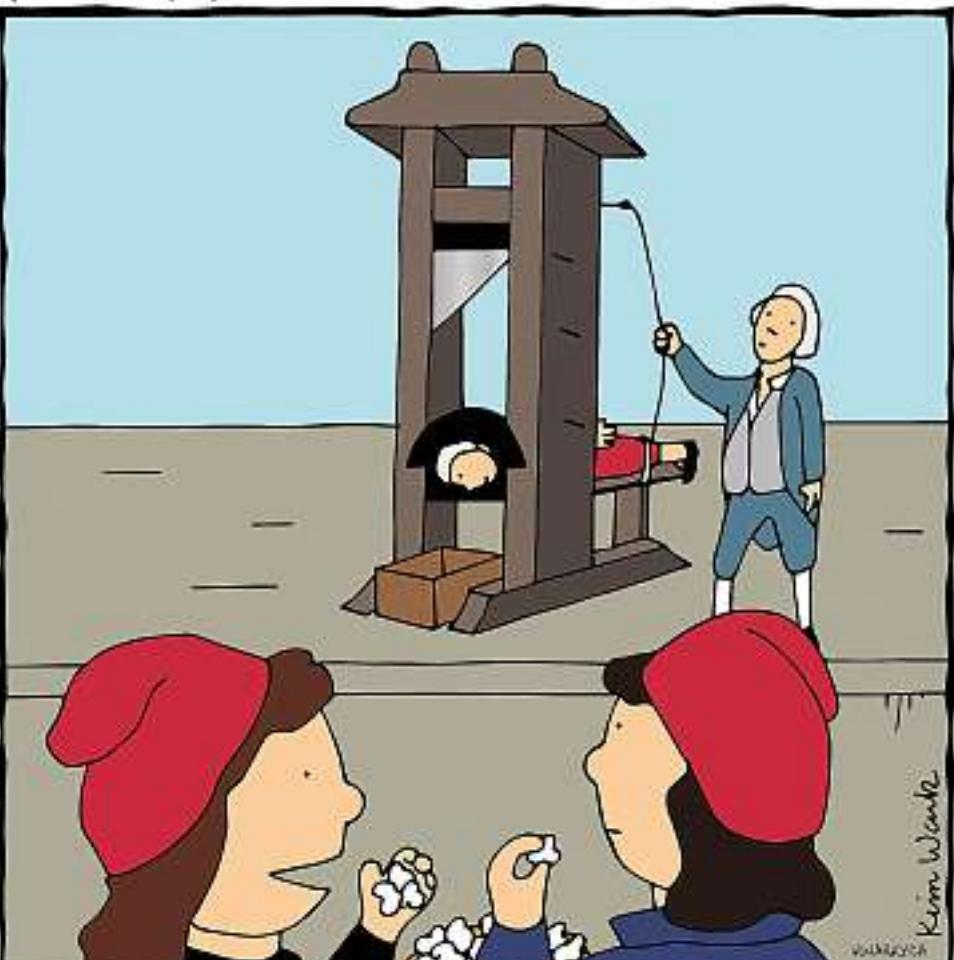
Just as the Tiffins believe they were given the perfect baby, Harper couldn't have asked for better parents.

Yes Minden Hills is full of angels, everywhere you look.



Angelica Blenich
Reporter

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letters to the editor

Church values all its members

To the Editor,

Further to last week's article about Minden's churches, I must clarify that my comment on the need to modernize Minden United Church may have been misunderstood by readers, and was made only in reference to attracting young people. Although it is truly a challenge to meet the needs of younger people, we have a very faithful and growing congregation who are young at heart and working on ideas to attract the younger generation. We explore different forms of worship; have many community activities, self-development groups and outreach programs; and a technologically modern building. Our members are very involved both within the church and in the wider community. Most importantly, we are an inclusive church, and we welcome everyone who chooses to check us out.

Finally, many thanks to the *Times* for its support for our Minden churches with this and other articles they have written and events covered.

Don Ballantyne, Minden United Church Council Chair and Treasurer

A plea to hunters

To the Editor,

As a retired occasional hunter having lived in Haliburton now for a few decades, I'm well accustomed to the annual hunting season in our beautiful region, and generally speaking find that most of our county's hunters are good folk, law abiding in their sport, and the community enjoys a financial boost from the added tourism.

With this in mind, I was surprised to hear what sounded like the Hounds of Baskerville on my property, which is normally a quiet, tranquil retreat, and went outside to investigate the noise. To my great shock, my colleague and I witnessed a pick-up truck loaded with dog kennels parked along my land, and a pack of six dogs collared sweeping my acreage in pursuit of quarry.

I hopped in my car and confronted the owner of the truck, a hunter dressed in fluorescent kit, his truck with antenna technology, his kennels empty, and told him to control his dogs and leave my private property. A less than professional discussion followed, I took down his plates and contacted the MNR.

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points of view

Taking things to extremes

THE OTHER DAY I was wasting time on my computer, as I tend to do during working hours. And, somewhere in my random Internet browsing, I came across a YouTube video that showed an extreme rollerblader doing stunts in Vancouver.

The video showed a man rollerblading through the downtown core at breakneck speeds.

He sped down concrete stairs, slid precariously along metal guardrails beside busy streets, turned backwards and did a few jumps as well as other stunts that were hazardous to himself and those around him.

Two things occurred to me. First, the word extreme is now being used in place of the phrase, "crazy..." And, second, most extreme talents have absolutely no value in everyday life.

The way I see it, the only reason anyone would ever need to take those

kinds of risks in everyday life would be to escape from a mob enforcer.

And, frankly, I can't imagine any scenario that includes a grown man wearing rollerblades and a mob enforcer.

But let's just say the guy was behind on his payments to a loan shark for the money he borrowed to buy his rollerblades.

Then, what are the odds of him actually having those rollerblades laced up when the hit man comes knocking?

Even if he did, what self-respecting hit man would give chase to a grown man wearing rollerblades? If anything, he'd just watch for a bit until the rollerblader tumbled down the stairs or slipped and straddled the railing.

Eventually, it's going to happen. They only show us when all these stunts work.

At best, the hit man would give our rollerblading hero a five-minute head start down the boardwalk. Then he'd get in his car, drive well within the legal speed limit and catch up. A couple of rounds of this would cause the rollerblader to redouble his efforts and succumb to exhaustion or blisters on his feet.

The point is extreme rollerblading is a useless skill filled with useless risks. The same can be said of any extreme sport. What good can come from jumping off anything?

And that is essentially what every extreme sport, from extreme biking to



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

extreme running (parcour) boils down to.

If you are lucky, you land correctly. And that's great – but that wouldn't have been a worry if you had just stayed on the ground in the first place.

I'm no expert on these things, but I suspect all the dangerous moves are just about trying to show the world how macho you are.

But the truth of the matter is, I don't care if this guy does a triple back flip through a fiery tube lined with revving chainsaws, in the end, when he lands, he is still wearing rollerskates, knee pads and a helmet. And that makes him look less than manly.

You can call me crazy if you like, but these days it's probably more fashionable to call me extreme.

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Spoiling a perfect game

IN BASEBALL'S GOOD old days, a manager would tear off his cap and scrunch it in one hand so he could lean right into the umpire's face and repeat his argument more forcefully.

Nostrils flaring, eyes blazing, neck muscles straining, spittle flying, nose-to-nose, this old man still dressed up as a player, would escalate a reasoned argument into a tantrum.

The umpire would give as good as he got until finally the manager would go too far. He'd toss the wild-eyed man out of the game and Ralph Houk would kick his foot sideways, once, twice, three times, send great clouds of dust flying, fling one last remark over his shoulder as he left.

Not anymore. Not in this buttoned-down new world order in which technology makes everything perfect and there are no more mistakes. Or unseemly outbursts of passion, for that matter.

For from now on, instead of spitting venom, managers will politely ask that the disputed call be adjudicated by faceless men in a New York office, who will study video replays in detail until they are certain they have it right.

The catch – there is always a catch – is that if the manager first argues with the umpire, he forfeits his right

to appeal the call. So, logically, there should be no more on-field arguments.

Odds are you are not a baseball fan and wonder why I write about this in November, or at all. The Brown Dog Jiggs just asked that very question, for he is not a ball fan, either. He doesn't even like to chase them.

And what's so wrong about trying to make everything right, anyhow? (That sounds like the lyric for a Johnny Burke song, but I move on.)

As for the timing, baseball just announced it is about to become the last North American sport to turn over control of its games to video replays. If you want details, look on the sports pages.

For now, the replays will be reviewed by human beings, but I imagine it is digitally possible to do away with human intervention entirely and let sensors do the umpiring. No more humans required.

To understand my objection, you must share with me my perception of professional sport as performance art, like opera or a Rolling Stones concert.

It is a test of the human will to push the boundaries of what is possible, to

reach for a high note or a high fastball and hit it out of the park.

Can't hit the high note? A computer program will do it for you. Why bother? Better still, why not let the computer sing the whole song for you? Why let a human voice spoil the performance?

Movie magic? Why would a Kenneth Branagh bother with tricking you into believing you are seeing more than is on the screen when a man with a key-

board can turn a platoon into an army? Magic, shmagic!

Of course, sport differs from art in that it involves conflict. On stage, the conflict is imaginary; the players work together toward a common goal. The near misses and coincidences are in the script; we don't need to know whether the dancer hit her spot.

In a sense, all of sport is about the dancer hitting her spot, about whether the throw beat the runner. Baseball moves in isolated fits and starts, gives us pauses to reflect on what we have just seen.

The game is about imperfections. A

perfect pitch and the second baseman bobbles a routine ground ball, throws away an easy out. A runner gambles on taking an extra base and loses, just barely, and throws away an inning.

And the umpire, or umpires, are right there, in the middle of everything. Imperfect human beings, passing judgments, determining fates, part of the game. Sometimes getting it wrong. Performers.

No replays required. Every action requires a ruling. Ball thrown, ball hit, safe or out, and the umpire decides. Right or wrong, the game goes on.

An old baseball writer, plagiarizing Shakespeare, once declared that "All the world's a baseball diamond." The Greeks portrayed the Fates as visible presences managing our lives.

Cast the umpires as Fates, and then remove them from the drama. Move the Fates out of sight to watch a replay. What have you got left? Perfection, I guess. Pretty boring.

"All the world's a spreadsheet . . ."

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Most obey laws

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The authorities assured me that dropping off hunting dogs on private property and trespassing on private property is illegal and they are pursuing the matter for community safety.

I contacted some of my immediate neighbours and was further alarmed to learn that there is a company that offers hunting dogs for hire for the sole purpose of flushing out quarry, and my neighbours have had unpleasant confrontations as well.

My point is this: The vast majority of our area's hunters are law-abiding citizens. However there is an irresponsible small contingent, such as the individual I encountered, who frankly give a bad image of our hunters, our community, and disrespect the fundamental legislation in place for preservation of one's own property.

The MNR tip line is very helpful and open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and the friendly staff are available for advice and reporting of such upsetting incidents I encountered. I encourage the good citizens of Haliburton County to report any infractions of hunting with dogs their private property without consent to the MNR so that the law-abiding hunters in our region can enjoy a happy hunting season without conflict.

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Voting by mail the lesser of two evils

To the Editor,

On Nov. 14, I attended what I consider an historic committee of the whole council meeting. I witnessed some council members voting according to the wishes of their constituents who elected them, not necessarily the way they would have personally voted. Wow! Congratulations! The vote was to accept online or telephone voting. After much dialogue for and against the motion was defeated 4-2 with Clark and the reeve voting for it. Never have the councillors received so many calls or comments from their constituents against the idea. One survey was 80 per cent against the online voting.

There was no education in this voting method given to us re: the procedure or reasons why we should accept it. One argument was that it is easy, you can vote at home in your pajamas and it will engage the young people. Well the other day I took my code from a Cheerios box and pushed buttons to order a Canada toque for my 10-year-old grandson. Yes, the same lad could do it with my code number. Could the same lad take that election envelope, find the code, push buttons and vote? Sure he could, it is that easy! Should election voting be that easy? Whatever happened to

going to a polling station with two items of identification to prove the identity of the voter? We still do this provincially and federally so why is it going backwards as some councillors would have us believe. It is certainly a secure democratic way to vote.

I assume we will be voting by mail, the lesser of two evils, in my opinion. At least we have a paper ballot to mark, though there is no proof as to who marks it. I don't know why the chief administrative officer says she will have to hire more staff for a mail-in vote. We still have the same number of staff as the last time this method was used. She says it will be too much for the staff with their regular workload. Elections only happen every four years now so surely they should be up to the task! It is only the CAO who has three jobs, CAO, clerk, and economic development officer something we the constituents questioned at a special meeting re: the posting of such a position. This time we, the constituents, were not heard and the motion was passed 4-3 for a three-job CAO. It is refreshing to know that we may now have a voice. So speak up folks when important issues are being discussed. You just may be heard!

Lois Rigney
Minden Hills

Seeing red dots at Agnes Jamieson Gallery

Laurie Carmount

Curator – Agnes Jamieson Gallery

It's not a disease – seeing red dots at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. It simply means a piece of artwork has sold. To indicate art has sold a red dot is placed on the corresponding information label. This way it can continue to exhibit.

The gallery would like to see lots of red dots during our present shows. From now until Dec. 21 the annual members' show is exhibiting. Every year the gallery's members have a non-juried opportunity to show their newest work; much of which is for sale. Every year it is an impressive collection of talent – from some locals you may not have realized are artists!

If you have visited this show in the past, it is interesting to note the subtle changes in many artists' work as they evolve and improve. This show usually is a time where some artists might choose to try something different, such as Lois Raw's painting *Water Falling*. Some artists who haven't participated in a while are back with exciting new work. And there are those who are the dedicated supporters, like Lois Rigney, who has entered one of her best pieces yet.

The other show being offered at this time is by Harvey Walker. A member of the gallery, Harvey won the People's Choice Award two years ago. This year he was given the opportunity to have an exclusive showing. Walker wanted to pursue painting but left it to start his kitchen cabinetry business. Three years ago he decided to revisit his love for art and has dedicated much of his time to producing an impressive amount of work. His oil paintings are of local scenes, such as the Kinmount fair, Dorset Pier, Gull Lake and historic sites. They are of those places you often glimpse in the late afternoon sun; quiet, tranquil settings of lake, trees and rock.

From this point onward, the member who wins the People's

Choice Award will also have this opportunity.

The People's Choice Award is given to the artist in the members' show who receives the most favoured votes. This is where you come in; when you visit we ask you to write on a ballot the name of the art and artist who you feel has made the best piece. This artist, besides having the opportunity of an exclusive showing, will also receive their upcoming year membership for free.

Membership at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre offers much – the most important is reciprocating admission to other public art galleries in Ontario. Nearly fifty galleries will honour an Agnes Jamieson Gallery membership at their location which means free entry. Visit the Ontario Association of Art Galleries to see which galleries this includes.

It also includes free entry to the nine exhibitions at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, as well as Minden Hills Museum and Nature's Place. Without this, it now is a \$5 admission fee.

For more information visit our website www.mindencultural-centre.com where one can also download a membership form. Best time to view these two shows at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery is during the Festival of Trees events being held at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Nov. 22 to 24. (Admission to this event includes the two art shows.) This is our annual fundraiser to help with community programming. It involves over 70 beautifully decorated Christmas trees, gift baskets, wreaths and gift certificates. The Silver Bells gift shop will be filled with locally made gift items. The Sugar Plum Candy Shop will have tasty treats for stocking stuffers.

Here is another place you can buy locally made Christmas gifts. Visit this event for lovingly created, handmade items that have character; knowing you are supporting someone in your town. Or consider a long-time memorable piece of original artwork from a local artist. Help make red dots appear!

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MP Barry Devolin won't run in 2015 election

After 10 years in office, Conservative representative says it's time to move on

Jenn Watt
Editor

Announcing a departure can feel like showing up at your own funeral.

At least, that's some of what MP Barry Devolin has been tackling since he publicly revealed he wouldn't run to represent Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the 2015 federal election.

"I'm still dealing with the Barry Devolin, may he rest in peace emails I'm getting this morning," said Devolin the day after his announcement.

"It's very nice to receive nice words," he said, while pointing out he still has two more years in office if everything goes as planned.

By the time the next election rolls around, Devolin will have been Conservative MP for the area for 11 years, first capturing the seat in 2004.

It was about a year ago when he started thinking about pursuing other avenues.

"I always said I don't want to do this forever," he said. "I thought I'd like to move on and do some other things in my life. I turned 50 this year. Maybe this is my mid-life crisis, I don't know."

Before becoming MP, Devolin worked for Tim Hudak, Chris Hodgson and Preston Manning and was also a communications consultant.

He has a master's degree in political science and has spent time living in Whistler, B.C. and South Korea.

With the clock ticking, Devolin said he feels some pressure to get a few specific things done in Ottawa, including getting affairs with the Trent-Severn Waterway on solid ground.

"I'd like to see the system on a sustainable footing and that's both from an environmental point of view and from an infrastructure point of view," he said.

The system hasn't realized its economic potential, he said, and more needs to be done on the water level side as well.

"It's big and it's complicated," he said of the system, which poses vastly different challenges from the reservoir lakes in Haliburton County to the recreational boating to the south.

"It's like a Rubik's Cube; there's more than one dimension to it," he said.

While Devolin said it's time for something new, he also said the last decade in office have been deeply rewarding.

"It's like two different jobs that are connected and both of them are fascinating," he said.

The first job is doing constituency work - walking in Santa Claus parades, holding passport clinics and helping residents with their problems - the second is the world of parliamentary politics.

Devolin recalls his "Forrest Gump" moment, when he attended the G20 in South Korea with the Conservative government, attending the same conference as U.S. President Barack Obama.

"I think for someone who is interested in politics, it's pretty rare to have a job that allows you to do both," he said.

The MP said in his 10 years he has tried to keep a respectful attitude in Ottawa, though that hasn't garnered him many headlines or minutes on TV.

"I think a lot of people would be surprised to know there are lots of MPs in all parties who are thoughtful and respectful," he said. "[But] we never get on TV. When somebody

stands up and says something inflammatory, they get on the six o'clock news."

His role as deputy speaker has also encouraged a more muted approach.

Devolin, his wife Ursula and kids Molly and George will have two years to think about what will come next.

A couple of years ago, they relocated to Ottawa to be closer to the MP's workplace, but keep a cottage in Haliburton.

Whether they return to the Highlands after Devolin's term runs out is uncertain, but it seems whatever he ends up doing will likely involve politics.

"Over the years, I have jokingly said politics is like malaria: once you catch it, it might go away for a while, but it always seems to come back," he said.

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I'd like to see the [TSW] system on a sustainable footing and that's both from an environmental point of view and from an infrastructure point of view.

— MP Barry Devolin

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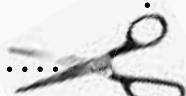
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Haliburton County news

Roots interested in partnering with Haliburton

Jenn Watt
Editor

The county's tourism department is in talks with clothing maker Roots about rolling out a line of Haliburton Highlands merchandise.

Tourism director Amanda Ranson told the county's tourism committee on Nov. 13 that the clothing company had shown interest in collaborating on a Haliburton Highlands line.

The garments would be sold at the county tourism office as well as at local shops around the county.

A few councillors questioned whether the county should get into retail business.

"I could not support the county being a wholesaler of clothing," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid.

"I'm not in favour of that at all," she said, adding there was significant risk in trying to move that much product.

Reid suggested working with an outside company that would be willing to take on

the financial risk.

"I disagree 100 per cent," responded County Warden Carol Moffatt, "It's been done successfully here before."

Moffatt said the plan had already been agreed to at a previous meeting and Roots as a brand would enhance the appeal of the clothing, making it easier to sell.

Committee member Barb Bolin said when she was principal of Haliburton's Fleming College campus, they never lost money on clothing sales.

"It worked really well," she said.

Ranson told the group there had been some concern the clothing was being made overseas.

She said anything the Highlands was associated with would be made in Canada.

No deal has been finalized with Roots, but the committee agreed Ranson should go forward with negotiations, which would also include some promotion coming from Roots of the Highlands.

Sponsorships will be key in future of Hike Haliburton festival

Jenn Watt
Editor

Hike Haliburton saw an increase in participation and registration at its annual festival Sept. 20 to 22, but a slight slip in accommodation bookings and loss of revenue.

Co-ordinator Barrie Martin gave a presentation to the county's tourism committee on Nov. 13, recommending that next year some of the entertainment be scaled back and more sponsorships sought.

This year's festival was plagued by cold, rainy weather, which discouraged some from coming out, but still garnered about 800 participants on the hikes, and nearly 1,400 taking part in all of the events (a 22 per cent increase from last year).

"Each year, the community itself tends to embrace the festival more and more," Martin told councillors.

There was a \$3,600 shortfall, but money was saved by reducing the advertising budget, so the discrepancy "should even out in the wash," county tourism director Amanda Ranson said.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said more thought needed to go into how to attract outside visitors to the county, pointing to the stat that only three per cent of those at the festival booked rooms in the Highlands.

Many participants were tourists, Martin said, but rather than stay in bed and breakfasts or motel rooms, they stayed at friends' cottages or drove up for the day.

Therefore, economic impact was still felt by shopkeepers and restaurant owners, he said.

"We could really add the icing on the cake on this product if we could get people from away

to support it," Reid said.

Corporate sponsorships are key to the future of Hike Haliburton, all seemed to agree.

"If we're going to have this event successful year after year, we're going to need those corporate sponsors," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Warden Carol Moffatt said she saw big possibilities in the festival, but adjustments still needed to be made to get it there.

"If we could just capture those couple of things, we've got something really special," she said.

Murder, music and great expectations for festival line-up

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

A familiar orphan named Pip, a murder mystery musical comedy and a famous Canadian war pilot.

Organizers of the Highlands Summer Festival are confident the upcoming season offers something for everyone.

At a volunteer appreciation luncheon at McKecks on Nov. 17, HSF artistic producer Scot Denton had a roomful of theatre buffs at his fingertips as he announced what would be on the bill for 2014.

"This is a big season for us, it's very challenging," said Denton.

The artistic producer also spoke of the launch of a new program beginning next summer for young thespians.

Titled Early Stages, the separate program

will feature recent graduates of theatre programs teaching and mentoring youth.

Those involved will create and perform their own piece, to be staged in the middle of the summer. Although details are still being finalized, Denton hopes to open up the program to those age nine and up.

The summer series will kick-off with an adaptation of *Great Expectations*, based on the Charles Dickens novel.

Musical lovers have *Back in '59* to look forward to, a journey through familiar hits from the early 1960s.

Norm Foster's *The Last Resort* is a murder mystery comedy set in Saskatchewan that promises to have the audience in stitches.

Billy Bishop Goes to War and *I Hate Hamlet* are the two shows that will round the season, the former a Canadian classic and the latter an original work.

Billy Bishop Goes to War has become one

of the most popular theatrical works in Canada's history; I've seen it three times," said Denton.

HSF president Jack Brezina congratulated the volunteers from the past season and mentioned the great feedback he regularly receives from the community.

"This year was an exceptionally good year for us," said Brezina, adding attendance was at 75 per cent across the five shows.

"I think that speaks to the quality of what we put on stage but also the enthusiasm that you people and all the volunteers put into the shows ... cottagers come up to me and say I can't see this kind of theatre in Toronto."

As in the past, the upcoming season will require lots of crew members and enthusiasm, said Denton. "I hope you're as excited as Jack and I are," he said.

Season passes for the festival are on sale now until Jan. 15, 2014 and cost \$125, cover-

ing all five shows. Individual tickets for shows are \$29.50.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.hIGHLANDSSUMMERFESTIVAL.ON.CA or by calling 705-457-9933.

This year was an exceptionally good year for us.

— Jack Brezina
Highlands Summer Festival president



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Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Now, bring us some figgy pudding,
Now, bring us some figgy pudding,
Now, bring us some figgy pudding, and bring it out here!
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For we all like figgy pudding,
For we all like figgy pudding,
For we all like figgy pudding, so bring it out here!
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

And we won't go until we got some,
and we won't go until we got some,
and we won't go until we got some, so bring some out here!
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Frosty The Snowman

Frosty the Snowman was a jolly happy soul
With a cornucob pipe and a button nose
And two eyes made out of coal
Frosty the Snowman is a fairytale they say
He was made of snow but the children know
That he came to life one day

There must have been some magic
In that old silk hat they found
For when they placed it on his head
He began to dance around

Frosty the Snowman was as live as he could be
And the children say he could laugh and play
Just the same as you and me

Thumpety thump thump, thumpety thump thump
Look at Frosty go
Thumpety thump thump, thumpety thump thump
Over the hills of snow

Frosty the Snowman knew the sun was hot that day
So he said let's run and we'll have some fun
Now before I melt away down to the village
With a broomstick in his hand
Running here and there all around the square
Saying catch me if you can

He led them down the streets of town
Right to the traffic cop
He only paused a moment when
He heard him holler stop

Frosty the Snowman he had to hurry on his way
But he waved goodbye saying don't you cry
I'll be back again some day

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town

You better watch out
You better not cry
You better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town

He's making a list,
Checking it twice,
Gonna find out who's naughty or nice.
Santa Claus is coming to town

He sees you when you're sleeping
He knows when you're awake
He knows if you've been bad or good
So be good for goodness sake

You better watch out

You better not cry
You better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town

With little tin horns, little toy drums
Rooty toot toots and rummy tum tums
Santa Claus is coming to town
And curly head dolls that toddle and coo
Elephants, boats, and kiddie cars too
Santa Claus is comin' to town

Then kids in Girls and Boy land will have a jubilee
They're gonna build a Toyland town
all around the Christmas tree
So! You better watch out, you better not cry
Better not pout, I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is comin' to town

He sees you when you're sleeping
He knows when you're awake
He knows if you've been bad or good
So be good for goodness sake
Goodness sake

You better watch out



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You better not cry
You better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town

Let It Snow

Oh the weather outside is frightful,
but the fire is so delightful.
And since we've no place to go.
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

It doesn't show signs of stopping,
And I've brought some corn for popping.
The lights are turned way down low.
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

When we finally kiss goodnight,
How I'll hate going out in the storm!
But if you'll really hold me tight,
all the way home I'll be warm.

The fire is slowly dying,
and, my dear, we're still good-bying.
As long as you love me so.
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

Here Comes Santa Claus

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus,
Right down Santa Claus lane
Vixen and Blitzen and all his reindeer
Pullin' on the reins
Bells are ringin', children singin'
All is merry and bright
Hang your stockings and say your prayers
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight!

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus,
Right down Santa Claus lane
He's got a bag that's filled with toys
For boys and girls again
Hear those sleigh bells jingle jangle,
Oh what a beautiful sight
So jump in bed and cover your head
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight!

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus,
Right down Santa Claus lane
He doesn't care if you're rich or poor
He loves you just the same

Santa Claus knows we're all God's children
That makes everything right
So fill your hearts with Christmas cheer
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight!

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus,
Right down Santa Claus lane
He'll come around when the chimes ring out
That it's Christmas morn again
Peace on earth will come to all
If we just follow the light
So lets give thanks to the lord above
That Santa Claus comes tonight!

Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
had a very shiny nose.
And if you ever saw him,
you would even say it glows.

All of the other reindeer
used to laugh and call him names.
They never let poor Rudolph
join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Santa came to say:
"Rudolph with your nose so bright,
won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then all the reindeer loved him
as they shouted out with glee,
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,
you'll go down in history!

Little Drummer Boy

Come they told me, pa rum pum pum pum,
a new born King to see, pa rum pum pum.

Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum,
to lay before the King, pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,
so to honor Him, pa rum pum pum pum,
when we come.

Baby Jesus, pa rum pum pum pum,
I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum.

I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum,
that's fit to give the King, pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,
shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum,
On my drum?

Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum pum,
the ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum.

I played my drum for Him, pa rum pum pum pum,
I played my best for Him, pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,
then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum,
me and my drum.

O Holy Night

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining.
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining.
Till He appeared and the Spirit felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, the night when Christ was born;
O night, O Holy Night, O night divine!
O night, O Holy Night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
O'er the world a star is sweetly gleaming,
Now come the wisemen from out of the Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus lowly manger;
In all our trials born to be our friends.
He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger,
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains he shall break, for the slave is our brother.
And in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
With all our hearts we praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! Then ever, ever praise we,
His power and glory ever more proclaim!
His power and glory ever more proclaim!

Deck the halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Tis the season to be jolly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Don we now our gay apparel,
Fa la la, la la la, la la la.
Troll the ancient Yule tide carol,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

See the blazing Yule before us,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Strike the harp and join the chorus.
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Follow me in merry measure,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
While I tell of Yule tide treasure,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Fast away the old year passes,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Sing we joyous, all together,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Heedless of the wind and weather,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

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New athletic therapist follows her heart home

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Sitting in her home gym and office with a view of Lake Kashagawigamog it's easy to see why Wendy Hampson chose to live and work here, following a 33-year athletic therapist career at Laurentian University.

Hampson, who travelled with the institution's teams, said being able to semi-retire in the Highlands as a dream. She and her husband moved from Sudbury fulltime in April 2012.

"For 33 years I wanted a window in my office. The therapy clinic is always tucked away in a basement ... so here now I've got windows that not only bring sunshine in, but windows that look out over the lake. So, this is a dream location," she said. "To work out of the house is perfect. I don't have to drive anywhere, just stay put. People come to me and when I'm finished seeing someone I can be outside digging in my garden or go cycling."

Hampson and her husband were also drawn to the area because of the vibrant active lifestyle that seems to be prevalent on the Highlands from walking to cycling and every activity in between.

Athletic therapy, she said, is the combination of fieldwork and clinic work.

Athletic therapists provide emergency care at events or games, stabilizing or administering first aid whether it is CPR or putting on a splint to a broken leg for the paramedics. After the event, therapists then administer appropriate care (or send the patient to a doctor) and then provide rehabilitation that could include a variety of techniques such as "electric modalities" such as ultrasound.

Athletic therapy employs massage, stretching, strengthening and plyometric work, including overall body strengthening to enable the patient to regain full abilities. The therapist will continue to work with the athlete to resume play or activity until the athlete is fully healed.

With an in-home gym, she doesn't want to work too much.

"I'm semi-retired so I'm not going 65 miles an hour every day for seven days a week in a university setting so I'm just picking and choosing how much I want to work," she said.

The home gym includes an exercise machine, balance equipment and an ultrasound machine.

Hampson, who has already worked at the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships and Katie's Run, is available for hire for local events.

Although she said the majority of her clients were between 17 and 30 during much of her career, Hampson is more than capable of seeing clients younger or older.

"I'm perfectly happy to work with anyone from an eight-year-old right up to a 90-year-old cyclist so I'm accustomed to see any age of athlete," she said.

In her career she's seen a lot and welcomes the "broken down athlete."

The therapist was also a teacher, working at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, which is part of Laurentian University and Lakehead University. She taught



Darren Lum Staff

Athletic therapist Wendy Hampson, who finished a 33-year career at Laurentian University, is happy to be semi-retired and is offering her expertise now out of her home. She calls it a dream to be able to live and work here.

sports injury courses. Hampson remembers teaching Minden's new doctor, Nell Thomas.

Among her many achievements include being part of the first health-care team at the 1976 Montreal Olympics; working the Ontario Summer Games, the Canadian Figure Skating Championships and the Calgary Winter Olympics.

Despite her experience she is always ready to learn more.

"There's always so much more to learn. Every course that I go to I think there is so much more that I don't know. You no sooner learn one thing and there are 16 things that you need to learn. The medical world is constantly evolving and you can't sit still for a minute otherwise you get steamrolled," she said.

Her family started coming to the Highlands in 1923 when her grandfather bought 100 acres of property. This lot is divided between her and her two sisters.

Hampson said she spent her entire life cottaging during the summers in the area.

For most of her adult life she was busy with her husband maintaining the property and the rental cottages in the summers.

"Now that we're here full-time we're having a wonderful time exploring. Having joined the Real Easy Riders we got to know a lot of the area, which areas are good for biking and who makes the best butter tarts and where to find all the little hidden away gems of the region so it's been wonderful to be able to come down here ... this is such a vibrant community we're really enjoying learning about it," she said.

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Out of this world learning at ASE

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

When Hailey Anderson looks up at the sky she knows what is up there after completing a three-week elementary school project on space.

"It really makes me think when I look up in the sky about all the stars and planets and stuff," Hailey said.

Hailey was one of 29 Grade 6 Archie Stouffer Elementary School students from Brenda Brouwer's class who took everything they learned outside, as they stood with their information planet posters placed at relatively the same distance apart as in reality using the ratio of 10:1 (metres to astronomical units).

They were taught during an open invitation to students, teachers and parents Wednesday afternoon.

Hailey appreciated the demonstration ideas of distance applied in this project.

"We're using how each 10 metres would be one astronomical unit. One astronomical unit is 150 million kilometres," she said.

While researching the solar system's planets, the students learned how to use a table of contents and index from the textbooks. This project challenged the students in literacy, math and history.

They each examined a planet or two, learning about the history and origins of the planet names, proximity to the sun in kilometres and astronomical units, testing com-



18th Annual Christmas Challenge

Join the Challenge and help us to make a difference

As the Christmas party season commences, The Haliburton County Home Builders would like to encourage you to include its Christmas Challenge in your plans. Large or small, each gift will help fill the Christmas hampers distributed by the 4C's and Minden Food Bank for families in need.

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Step 2: Collect unwrapped toys or food items at your office or your Christmas Party.

Remember

to make the most of the Challenge have your gifts ready for pick up BEFORE December 16th. Early delivery to the *workshops* means the elves have enough time to prepare for Christmas.

This is the 18th anniversary of the Christmas Challenge. Whether this is the first year you have taken the challenge or the 18th year all gifts are needed. If you aren't sure what to collect simply gather local gift certificates. A value of \$15.00 each make is easy to top up gifts for families who have teenagers.

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Darren Lum Staff

Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 6 student Krystin Hope teaches Grade 1 and 2 students about her research project on Saturn on Wednesday, Nov. 13. Krystin was part of a 25-student class that researched planets. They presented their findings during a one-hour open invitation, situated across the field, using the ratio of 10 metres for every one astronomical unit to correspond to the placement of the planets' position in our solar system.

prehension of larger numbers, including physical features such as size and temperature. Students were also challenged to come up with their own question, something he/she wanted to know.

Grade 6 Krystin Hope always wanted to know if a spaceship had been to Venus and how far it is from the sun.

"Even though it's really close to the sun it's actually 150 million astronomical units from the sun. It's 108.2 kilometres in millions from the sun," she said.

Venus, with a temperature of 460 degrees Celsius, is not a hospitable place for a space-craft. Krystin said it is related to the way the planet orbits the sun without spinning on its

axis.

Another interesting thing is how one day on Venus is actually longer than one of its years, she added.

Brouwers said this idea came from a trip to Alaska last year.

While there she found a bike trail in Anchorage. The approximately 30-kilometre trail starts with an information sign, providing information of the sun and then is segmented according to the distance between planets, designated by posted information signs.

Brouwers immediately thought of her students, who she thought could see the relative distance to learn about the large numbers.

"Teaching the big numbers in this way makes it far easier for them to understand. Those big numbers in the millions and trillions and billions," Brouwers said.

She adds when the concept is simpler and the subject is intriguing the students are far more engaged.

Brouwers wants to repeat this exercise with her class next year.

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Hawks advance to bowl championship

The junior Red Hawks football team continued their winning streak Saturday by defeating the Nottawasaga Pines Secondary School Timber Wolves 30 to 28 on a turf field in Orillia at the Orillia Sports Complex.

This was the semi-final for the National Capital Bowl championship, which includes the best junior AA teams from Georgian Bay across Ontario to Ottawa.

This Saturday the Red Hawks will face the top team from the east side in the championship game played in Belleville at 2 p.m. Spectators are encouraged to wear red and white to support the team.

Caught off guard by a small but fast team, Haliburton was behind 12 to 0 in the first quarter. The Red Hawks dug deep and despite multiple injuries slowly clawed their way back with touchdowns from Mac Rider, Ethan Cooper and Ryan Hill. The score at half time was 23 to 20 for the Red Hawks. In the second half with Rider injured, Hill carried the ball again and again, scoring his second touchdown of the day. With excellent decision making by quarterback Jaydon Wood and a huge defensive effort, the Red Hawks dominated the second half and came away victors.

Our offensive and defensive linemen were standouts in this game.

A special mention goes to Jalen Campbell, Morgan Hamilton, Adam Bird, Sam McKnight, Sage Christiano and Devon Bangay who won battle after battle for their team!

Coach Griff would like to thank all the fans that travelled to support the Red Hawks and watched history in the making!

Submitted

Red Hawks junior quarterback Jaydon Wood looks to hand the ball off in the National Capital Bowl semi-final game against the Nottawasaga Pines Secondary School Timber Wolves in Orillia on Saturday, Nov. 16. The Red Hawks won 30-28 and earn a berth to the National Capital Bowl final in Belleville. **Sara Ross QMI Agency**



Bantam AE challenge Rebels

The Bantam AE Highland Storm, sponsored by Tom Prentice Trucking, travelled to Port Carling and Bala this weekend for their first tournament of the year. It was a great chance to press the reset button on a difficult leg of the season by playing some new teams. Friday, the boys got the tournament started on the right foot by doubling up the Shallow Lake Lakers, 4-2. Goals by Ben Schmidt, Carter O'Neill, Jake Bull and Alex Petrie, who scored off a beautiful feed from Schmidt up the middle, gave the squad a newfound confidence that had been lacking of late. Devyn Prentice, Petrie, and Mitch Billings (2) also contributed assists.

They continued to roll on Saturday morning, skating away to an easy 8-2 victory against the Coldwater Wildcats in a rough and tumble, penalty-filled affair. Ryan Manning collected two goals and an assist in the game to the lead the way. Alex Petrie, Jon Morrison Carter O'Neill, Mitch Billings, Dylan Freake and Devyn Prentice also scored for the Storm with assists by Ben Schmidt, Aidan Garbutt, Ryan Prentice, Alex Wilbee and Trevor Turner.

The boys finally met their match later in the day, playing a strong team from Georgian Shores. The final score was 4-0 and the boys never seemed to gather any momentum in the game.

Despite the loss, the boys earned a spot in the B final against the mysteriously named TCDMHA Rebels. The game started with both teams trading chances early but the Rebels finally broke free scoring several unanswered

goals in the second and third to walk away with a 7-0 win. Despite the finish the boys showed signs that they can play against some good A teams in the tourney.

Be sure to cheer on the Storm this Wednesday in Haliburton as the take on the South Muskoka Bears at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. against Almaguin in Minden.

Submitted by Jon Petrie

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Peewee AE take on the Devils

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It was a weekend of extremes for the Haliburton Family Medical Centre Pee wee AE Highland Storm, graciously sponsored by Haliburton Family Medical Services. Saturday the team travelled to Sundridge to face the strong Almaguin Devils. From the first puck drop it was all Almaguin who didn't let up at any point in the game, gaining a 7-0 win as a result. It was a game best forgotten. The team knew they were sluggish and would have to put forth a much better effort to beat an improving Oro Thunder squad the next night.

And despite the later Sunday night start in Oro, the team showed a "Jekyll" to the "Hyde" from the night before. The energy and effort was a complete reversal and the unit was all over the Thunder. Colby Lambshead's shot from the point got things rolling followed quickly by Brady Baldry's

screened back-hander that made its way through the goalie's five-hole. Carter Bull got his first of two on the night but Oro crept back into the game after that, scoring two to make it a little uncomfortable at the start of the third. Bull's insurance marker later in the third sealed the hard fought, well-deserved win. Next week the squad travel to Woodville for their first tournament of the year.

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Atom AE, who are we? Storrrrrrm!

The Lions Club Highland Storm Atom AE hockey team continued building its reputation for being a gritty hockey team this past weekend with two big games. On Saturday the Storm clashed with the first place, undefeated, Huntsville Otters in our Haliburton rink, and - hold on to your hats folks - scored up a storm.

Jaylin Frost scored first from Brendan Coumbs and Ty Mills. Nick Phippen scored unassisted. Coumbs from Phippen and Hunter Winder. Zach Davis from Phippen. Coumbs again from Ava Smith and Phippen. What a hockey game! Highland Storm fought hard to earn a shocking 5-3 victory filled with end-to-end action, thrilling saves, and good old teamwork.

Strong defensive play and goaltending are becoming the trademark of this team as Darian "Houdini" Willis

repeatedly kicked away Huntsville scoring opportunities. Storm defenders Nesbitt and Winder, and, Mills and Smith looked like a wall keeping the Otters at bay and flat out outworking their opponents in the Storm end.

Up front was no different and wingers Robinson, Alexander, Tidey, Coumbs, Harrison, and Davis challenged Huntsville relentlessly with their strong two-way play. Centres Jaylin Frost and Nick Phippen demonstrated great leadership both defensively and offensively. Both looked like Selke Trophy candidates.

Right winger, Emma Tidey, said it best that she and her teammates were, "Just takin' care of a little business!" Taking care of business indeed, notching a big win that bolsters the young squad's belief in themselves.

Sunday saw the Atom AEs face off against the South Muskoka Bears and come away with a 3-3 tie.

These two teams match up well and both display a tough "refuse to lose" work ethic.

Highland Storm's big guns came out fast scoring three goals early in the first period. Nick Phippen potted a beauty after a feed from Brendan Coumbs and Ava Smith, and then Phippen and Smith returned the favour assisting on a Coumbs goal.

Later in the frame Phippen scored his second goal hooking up with Ben Robinson and Zach Davis. The Bears, true to form, would not give up and rallied in the second and late in the third to pull even. Both teams look forward to a rematch, and, may face each other in the Silver Stick Tournament.

Submitted by Rich Smith

see BANTAM page 19



Township of Algonquin Highlands Committee of Adjustment Notice of Applications for Minor Variance

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 45(5) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3 O. Reg. 200/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Minor Variances have been submitted to the Township of Algonquin Highlands Committee of Adjustment, the minor variance granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER a public meeting has been scheduled on **Friday, November 29th, 2013 @ 1:00 p.m.** at the Township of Algonquin Highlands Township Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, Ontario for the Committee of Adjustment to hear the applications:

File No. AH-MV-017/13 Applicant: Robert & Patricia Hodgins

Location of Property: Pt. Lot 20, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Big Hawk Lake – Water Access Only

Nature of Application:

1. To reduce the high water setback from 23m (75 ft) to 2.44 m (8 ft) on the north-west corner of a proposed new 104.5 m² (1125 ft²) dwelling. The existing dwelling is currently 2.44m (8 ft) from the high water mark. The proposed new dwelling will not be any closer to the high water mark than the existing cottage.
2. To reduce the high water setback from 23m (75 ft) to 2.44m (8 ft) for the proposed new sunroom. The sunroom is included in the 104.5 m² (1125 ft²) proposed construction.
3. To reduce the high water setback on the front of the proposed new dwelling from 23m (75 ft) to 7.16m (23.5 ft);
4. To reduce the high water setback on the north-west corner of the proposed new dwelling from 23m (75 ft) to 3.35m (11 ft).

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Algonquin Highlands in respect of the proposed Minor Variances to Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 03-22 before the decision is made by the Committee of Adjustment; the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of Algonquin Highlands to the Ontario Municipal Board. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Algonquin Highlands before the decision is made by the Committee of Adjustment, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION: A copy of the decision will only be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary-Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information regarding these Applications for Minor Variances are available for public inspection at the Planning Department, Township of Algonquin Highlands, *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dawn Newhook

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Dated this 20th day November, 2013



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Application for Consent has been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, December 9, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-034/13
Applicant: 564816 ONTARIO INC.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 1, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Anson
Nature of the Application: New Lot

Additional information regarding the above-noted application is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 20th day of November, 2013

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Bantam A has another successful weekend

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The Highland Storm Smolen Dentistry Bantam A team has had another busy and very successful weekend. Starting on Friday night with a home game win 4-1 vs. South Muskoka. Goals for Payton Misco, assisted by Ethan Keefer and Mark Saville, Owen Smitty Smith unassisted, Andrew Hall assisted by Nolan Flood and Chase Burden, Greg Crofts assisted by Chase Burden.

The team then went onto a weekend tournament in Parry Sound playing and winning all five games they played to take the A championship.

This group of boys never ceases to amaze their coaches, families and friends. Our goalies: Josh Bellefleur and Parker Smolen. Defence: Jacob Bishop, Josh Boice, Andrew Hall, Ethan Keefer, Mark Saville and Jacob Haedicke. Forwards: Matt Wilbee, Nolan Flood, Owen Smitty Smith, Payton Misco, Owen Patterson-Smith, Kyle Cooper, Chase Burden, Greg Crofts and Chris Thompson. Every name here is what makes this a team and they prove that every time they hit the ice, and how they mess together and bring all different, but very important aspects to their teams success.

You make us all very proud, boys!

Submitted by Tammy Smith

Girls take on Lynx

The Highland Storm Minden Car Quest midget B girls' hockey team hit the road to take on the Otonabee Wolverines in Keene Thursday night. The girls, sporting their new Highland Storm gear of toques and sweaters, took on the undefeated Wolverines. Alicia McLean put the Storm up 1-0 early in the second period on a beauty, top-cheese wrister from the slot that beat the Otonabee tender easily. The Wolverines lived up to their name and never relented in trying to tie up the game. Mid-way through the third period, after the Storm had killed off yet another penalty, Otonabee capitalized on a tired out penalty kill unit and slipped in the tying goal. Both squads had chances the remainder of the game but could not capitalize on securing a win. Connor Marsden solidified the tie game on a highlight reel save where she robbed the Wolverine shooter and shut the front door, on the doorstep shot, with a wicked glove save. Great game girls - we get two more kicks at the can with this talented Otonabee club.

The Storm followed up their Thursday night effort on Friday night, where they hosted the Lindsay Lynx C club. The Highland club whirled up a storm and took their improving efforts to the Lynx squad. The first period provided all the scoring that would be needed to challenge the Lynx who were on the road. Alicia McLean opened the scoring early in the first period off another beauty wrister that beat the Lynx goalie high glove.

Cassidy Garbutt finished off a sweet saucer pass from McLean in the blue paint, again beating the Lynx tender high glove. Erin Little rounded out the scoring in the first period and a 3-0 lead with a goal-mouth scramble, putting puck past the Lindsay tender. Both sides exchanged more opportunities to add to the scoreboard

with only a late tally in the third period by McLean, her second of the game to solidify the 4-0 win. Connor Marsden earned the shut-out ... her third of the year.

The Cold Creek Comets travelled to Haliburton to defend their second place standings against the fifth place Storm on Sunday afternoon. The talented, and deep bench Comet squad, came out flying against the Storm squad. A fast-paced first period ended with a knuckle-ball shot that eluded Connor Marsden from a weak angle with just a few seconds left in the first period.

The game remained scoreless with both sides having equal opportunities. Haliburton could not solve the Comet tender and suffered just their second loss of the season and remain in fifth place in the top half of the LLFHL east loop with a 5-2-3 record ... five points out of second and six points ahead of sixth spot. The Storm girls are on the road next Saturday afternoon in North York and then host the Whitby Wolves Sunday night in Minden at 6 p.m. Shake off the loss, Storm, and get ready to get back on track with your focused play.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Fine effort in Peewee A game

The Highland Storm Dollo's Foodland Peewee A team travelled to Pembroke on the weekend where they had a strong showing in the Silver Stick tournament. The first game was Friday night against Renfrew. Nick Dollo opened the scoring in the first period on a rebound of a shot by Nigel Smith. Renfrew came back with a goal in the second period and again scored half way through the third period. Highland Storm put a lot of pressure on Renfrew with numerous chances but just couldn't find the net for the tying goal with the game ending 2-1 for Renfrew.

Game 2 against Smiths Falls Saturday morning saw Smiths Falls striking first with a goal late in the first period and again mid-way through the second period. However, 30 seconds after Smiths Falls scored, Lucas Haedicke struck with a goal for Storm on a pass from Nigel Smith. The Storm team was all over Smiths Falls for the rest of the game with Smiths Falls taking numerous penalties but Storm again just could not score leaving Smiths

Falls with a 2-1 win.

Game 3 against Lakefield saw a better result for Storm with Owen Gilbert opening the scoring by deking the defence to put in a shot with only eight seconds left in the second period. Storm dominated Lakefield in the third period as Lucas Haedicke put in Storm's second goal with 5:37 left to play and again scored on the power-play a minute later leaving Storm with a 3-0 win. Despite not advancing everyone put in a fine effort in the tournament and the team will just have to wait for the next time to see the bounces going their way.

Submitted by Larry Bukta



community calendar

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Bereavement Group - (Mondays) - At Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St., Minden (Lower Level), beginning Monday Nov. 4th. More info call Nancy Ballantyne, 705-286-1305.

Diner's Club Minden United Church: Second Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon, at Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St. (Lower Level), Minden. For more info call Brigit at Community Care 705-457-2941

Movies in Haliburton and Minden: In partnership with the Minden United Church and the Haliburton United Church we will be hosting a Movie Club once a month in each location; Minden (November 14th) and regularly on the 2nd Thursday of month at 1:30 pm and Haliburton (November 28th) and regularly on the 4th Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm. There will be a choice of movies for participants and we will have popcorn and goodies for all. No fee for attending, although a donation is appreciated but not required and would be used to help us defer costs. Call Community Care to register 705 457 2941

Nov 20: Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group: at Minden Lions Hall. Doors open 6pm. 7pm speaker: Stephanie Bell-Boisonneault talking about her new book "Telling Tales-a History of South Lake". FREE Everyone welcome. For info 705-286-2225

Nov 22: Poinsettia Luncheon and Christmas Sale from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. St Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave, Minden. Luncheon by Donation. More information contact Illa Kellett at 705-286-3905

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While there have been a few phone calls and the occasional verbal exchange usually at the local landfill the feedback on my journalistic efforts has been limited. But hallelujah after some 633 columns what a delightful surprise to find Melanie Sedgwick's letter to the editor in last week's issue. Thanks Melanie for sending a "jolt of sunlight" into the old farmhouse. While the events listed in the column are of community interest that short introductory paragraph of happenings here at Connemara is for me the most rewarding. Where else [I don't do Facebook] can I brag about children, grandchildren and yes the antics of the household pets free of charge knowing that similar stories are taking place in every household and hopefully will trigger a memory or smile. Melanie's letter is now posted on our fridge door.

From the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount comes a reminder of three events scheduled for this coming weekend. On Friday, Nov. 22 it's a special "Bring a Man in Your Life Bingo" so ladies invite your husband, friend, son, or neighbour for a great bingo with a \$500 must go jackpot. Also bring along an item for the food bank and exchange it for a free game. The normal start time for regular Friday bingo is 6:45 p.m. Registration is at 10 a.m. for the Open Mixed Dart Tournament for teams and doubles being held on Saturday, Nov. 23 with a start time of 11 a.m. for the tournament. From 1 to 5 p.m. this Sunday, Nov. 24 bring your talent to share at the open mike session with Scott Gartshore and Dirt Road. Admission is \$7 with Legion food and bar available.

At the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace the last of the monthly Tuesday morning drop-in craft day will be Tuesday, Nov. 26 from 10 a.m. until noon. These informal get-togethers will resume in March 2014.

As the holidays approach mark your calendars now for the following community events. Join in as Kinmount celebrates "Lights Across Canada" at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Ringing of the Bells on Thursday, Dec. 7 at

6:30 p.m. in Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Join in singing favourite carols and there will be refreshments and pictures with Santa in the Railway Station following the lighting of the tree. This event is sponsored by the Kinmount Committee for planning and Economic Development with hot chocolate supplied by the Kinmount Model Railway Club and sweets by the Kinmount Senior Citizens Club.

On Saturday, Dec. 7 the theme will be "Christmas in the Village" as the town celebrates the holiday season. Start off with a pancake breakfast with Santa plus crafts for the children from 8 to 11 a.m. in the community centre. Locate Kinmount Kinney and enter for a prize, take advantage of merchant specials and climb aboard for a horse-drawn wagon ride. At 2 p.m. the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount will host its annual Christmas Party for Children. That evening at 7 p.m. the KCPED will host the annual Music Night with "A Celtic Country Christmas with the Family Tyes" at the Galway Hall at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be ordered by calling 705-488-2635/2687 for an evening of musical entertainment, desserts and a Christmas loonie auction. Note that the Galway Hall is fully accessible.

Until next week ...

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It was a grey, wet and snowy day on Nov. 10 for Minden's Remembrance Day Service, which had to be moved at the last minute to the arena. Because there were so many people attend-

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ing, extra chairs had to be set up. Sgt-At-Arms Noel Swift and the Colour Party did an admirable job of marching on the flags, despite the close quarters. Many wreaths were laid and we thank everyone who came out to show respect for our veterans and to remember those who have passed on. Monday the Colour Party was again called out for a school assembly, and then rushed over on slippery roads to Haliburton to support their Remembrance Day Service. In downtown Minden about 25 people were at the Legion's wreathlaying service at 11 a.m. Francine Newton read the Honour Roll and three members placed wreaths at the foot of the county cairn and in front of the rows and rows of white crosses. Did you have chance to thank PharmaSave for offering refreshments and once again decorating their windows with a Remembrance theme? If you missed seeing the window, there's a picture in the latest Blue Beret newsletter now available at the Branch. If you would like to receive the Blue Beret by email, please contact relbranch636@hotmail.com or leave your email address attention Public Relations Officer at the clubroom during regular business hours.

The annual poppy campaign is over for another year, and Georgina Parkes will have the total tally available soon. She expressed thanks to all the merchants who made room for the counter-top boxes and the team of volunteers who accepted Poppy donations in person. These funds support our veterans and other worthy causes like transportation for disabled seniors. No poppy donations can go to supporting the programs of Royal Canadian Legion or the local Branch.

Because many of our members go away for the winter, we have a shortage of volunteer cooks for our weekday lunches. You do not need to be a member of the Minden Branch, and even one day a month would help. If you want to contribute to a worthy cause like the Legion, or you are a student needing volunteer hours, or someone wanting to gain experience for the job market, please leave a message for the hospitality chairwoman Thelma Lee at the Minden Legion 705-286-4541.

Members are reminded there will be no general membership meetings until March, but if you have any suggestions or concerns, please contact any member of the executive.

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Melissa Alfano

Dorset News

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November 12 contract bridge at Club 35: The high scoring quartet members were Muriel McIntosh 5,940, Peter Gardiner 5,670, Ross Fletcher 4,390 and Ev Morgan 4,020. The draw winner was Nancy Kursbatt with Nel Van der Grient awarded the Shiny Penny.

November 12 euchre at Lochlin: Nancy McPherson reports that Perry Davis took top marks for the gents with Bruce Shephard low man. For the ladies Betty Hicks was high and Rae Dawn Shephard low while Jim McPherson took lone hand honours and Hazel Benetin won the special prize.

November 12 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading for the ladies were Bev Johnson 339, Ron Morrison 280, Pat Roussel 259 and Dwaine Lloyd 220. At 256 Theresa Deak was first for the gents followed by Howard Smith 255, Tom Grix 229 and Bob Bishop 226. Karen Chapman won the major draw with Pat Roussel, Shirley Milne and Ron Morrison claiming the smaller prizes while moonshots landed on Jesse Barlow, Pat Roussel and Bev Johnson [2]. Thanks to Betty Wagar for this update.

November 12 contract bridge at Minden United Church: From Nancy Ballantyne the news that the top three players were Heather Harrington 4,470, Donna McArthur 4,140 and Bob Penfold 3,980.

November 12 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Taking top spot at 251 were Brenda Wilcox and John Kerr with Joan Bell and George Hamilton next at 226. In third place at 211 was Maurice Lambert partnered with Jane Livingstone with the afternoon's low of 99 going to Dorene Elstone and Lil Allen. Thanks to Pearl Cowen for this report.

November 13 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Tom and Margo Davidson were first at 63 percent then our bridge reporter Margo Davidson and Peter O'Connor

59 percent. Tied for third spot at 52 percent were Joan Davies and Dee McLean and Ross Fletcher partnered with Jackie Metcalf.

November 13 bid euchre at Stanhope: At 224 Al McMullen topped the whites then Colin Miller 204 and Jason Peacock 181. Leading the pinks at 233 was Jean Scadden followed by Debbie Lambe 212 and Clara Mischio 207 with Debbie also claiming the single moonshot. Linda Lambert further reports that all their friends at Stanhope warmly congratulated Pat and Jean Scadden on their special wedding anniversary.

November 14 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Phyllis Windsor 316, Pat Roussel 225, Doug McIntosh 220 and Jean Scadden 219. First for the gents at 293 was Ida Young followed by Albert Foster 275 and Kevin Maloney 232 with Ron Morrison and Tom Grix tied at 231 for fourth place. Bev Johnson also reports that Karin Harrison, Jean Scadden, Ida Young and Albert Foster [2] claimed the moonshots.

November 14 euchre at Minden Legion: May Bradbury reports that most lone hand holders were Theresa Deak and Jim Bradbury with Joyce Broersma and John Deak posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Pat McInnis and Doug O'Neil while Betty Wagar, Theresa Deak, Linda Hopkins, Joan Mann and Anne Manning took home the other prizes.

November 15 euchre at Stanworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Sherin Brown won for high hands, Maria Tschida for lone hands, Margaret Fletcher for low hands and Sandra Crockett for the special prize.

November 15 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Tom and Margo Davidson were first at 65 percent with Rob Eaton and Peter O'Connor next at 64 percent.

November 15 bid euchre at Club 35: Pink honours went to

Pat Marshall 252, Dorene Elstone 193 and Anne Manning 184 with Jason Peacock first for the whites at 271 then Al McMullen 205 and Garth Windsor 199. Jean Dutka also reports that Marg Oetelaar held the hidden score with Garth Windsor and Dorene Elstone taking the moonshots.

November 16 bid euchre at Stanworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Jean Randell 268, Pat Roussel 267, Barb Robitaille 221 and our reporter Sherin Brown 208. At 273 Dorothy McElwain was first for the gents then Phyllis Windsor 267, Jesse Barlow 253 and Howard Smith 247. Dorothy also won the special prize while Jean Randell and Theresa Deak along with Marcel and Pat Roussel took the moonshots.

November 17 Sunday Bid Euchre at Minden Community Centre: At this monthly event the high scoring trio members were Pat Roussel, Marcel Roussel and Tom Grix with Archie Ross holding the hidden score. Moonshots struck Pat Roussel, Kevin Maloney, Tom Grix, Albert Foster, Betty Wagar and our reporter Bev Johnson.

November 18 bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The high scoring trio members were Jim Corbett 326, Rae Dawn Shephard 309 and Ron Morrison 308. Our reporter Rose Isaacson won the draw while Marcy Morgan, Jim Corbett, Tom Grix and Ida Young had moonshots.

November 18 euchre at Stanworth Terrace, Minden: Maria Tschida was a double winner taking both high hands and the special prize. Sherin Brown also reports that Joan Meadows won for most lone hands and Jean Randell for low hands.

November 18 euchre at Club 35: From Garth Windsor the news that Al McMullen won for most lone hands with Jean Dutka and Ivan Kernoohan posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Pearl Kernoohan and Merv Elstone while Jean Dutka claimed the baloney.

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carol singing and hot chocolate, then head over to the Recreation Centre for a meet and greet including a kids craft table and free Christmas shopping table. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

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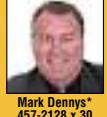
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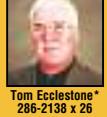
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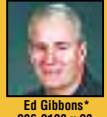
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- 3 bedrooms with good level lot
- Perfect for young family or retirees
- Comfortable surroundings, close to town
- For more details contact Tom

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26



Beech Lake \$374,000

- 125 ft south facing - SUN, SUN, SUN
- 2 bdrm with full finished basement on large acre lot
- Room to build garage or workshop
- Flat deck with dock and 75 ft cedar topped dock

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Home & 63 Acres \$249,000

- Lovely property with 3 BR home
- Generous decks and attached garage
- Less than 15 mins from Minden
- High speed available; Yr round road

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28



Excellent Commercial Opportunity \$70,000

- Existing Fish & Chips restaurant
- Turnkey Condition; Busy Minden location
- Operates year round; liquor license
- Business only, space is leased.

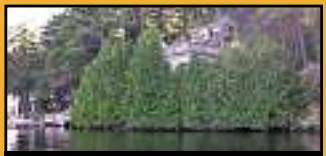
Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29



Spectacular Miskwabi North Shore \$839,900

- Stunning 4 bedroom 3 bath cottage/home
- 165' shoreline, 2 acres
- 3 levels of living space
- Awesome shoreline, big lake view

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33



SOLD Little Hawk Lake \$265,000

- Rare opportunity to own private Little Hawk Lake
- 3 bdrms, 2 baths, 1 car garage, red decking
- Southern exposure, lake view
- Included: furniture, inboard/outboard & sauna

Valerie Kulla 286-2138



County Road 21 \$189,000

- 3 bdrm, 2 full baths, main floor laundry
- New shingles, new wood stove
- New family rm, new 3 pc bath
- Freshly painted ready to go.

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23



Pride of Ownership! \$335,000

- Immaculate 4 season waterfront home/cottage
- Level lot with child friendly sand beach
- Quiet bay on the Gull River heading to Shadow Lake.
- 2 bedrooms and double car garage

David Lee 286-2138 x 27



Country Retreat \$399,900

- Midway between Minden and North Bay
- 4.6 acres, 4 bdrms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, lots of extras
- Totally private, no neighbors, great views with wildlife and spring fed pond.

Gary Moffatt 457-2128 x 36



Burdock Lake \$399,900

- Beautiful 3 bedroom home
- Quiet spring fed lake
- Level private lot with 875 feet of frontage
- Large garage with 2 carports

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34



Boshkung Lake \$575,000

- Sunshine! Sand Shoreline, Prestigious Lake
- 4 Season Cottage - 4 Bdrms 3 Baths
- Nicely treed level lot with great privacy
- Lrg Walkout Basement w/games room+++

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29



Pine Lake \$269,900

- 100' sandy frontage, flat level lot, gar. shed
- 2+ bdrm, sunroom, deck, main flr laundry
- Mins. to shopping, Sir Sam's, full block bsmnt
- 3 lake chain, great fishing, swimming

Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31



Excellent Opportunity on Halls Lake \$299,900

- 120 feet of fantastic waterfront
- Excellent swimming, fishing & boating
- Original 1940's cabin
- Plus full bunkie with kitchen & bathroom

Margie Prestwich 457-2128 x 37



Great Starter Home \$119,900

- Located between Haliburton & Minden
- Many recent upgrades
- Bunkie, single carport, storage shed
- Public access to the 5 lake chain close by

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28



Canning Lake \$419,000

- Gorgeous level lot with big lake view
- Sunset exposure and sandy shoreline
- Great cottage with open concept living area
- Super way to start cottage life on the 5 lake chain

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24



Drag Lake \$300,000

- Spectacular waterfront property on prime lake
- True Algonquin setting - magnificent views
- Rustic cottage at water's edge - Sunshine galore!
- New driveway installed - great boating & swimming

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52



NEW PRICE Minden Brick Bungalow \$159,900

- 3 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths
- New Windows, Covered Front Porch
- Attached Garage, Level Lot
- Wired for Generator

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32



Halls Lake Beauty \$649,900

- Classic charm with modern upgrades
- Incredible 249' of sandy beach waterfront
- Boathouse and gazebo at waterfront
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, stone fireplace

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



Haliburton Village \$269,900

- Well-built 4 bdrm home on large lot with town sewers
- Many upgrades in 2013, including 2 new kitchens
- Attached double garage & separate workshop
- Wood-burning fireplace, central vac & m/f laundry

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



Starter or Retirement Home \$138,500

- Country property with loads of value
- Deeded Access to Halls lake close by
- Year round home with 3 bedrooms
- Single car garage & Bunkie

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29



Beech Lake \$249,000

- 720 s.f. 3 bdrm cottage on .78A
- Clean and tidy and south facing
- Sand entry and flat lot
- Garage and storage building included

Lee Gauthier 489-9968



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